

# Region's Junior Farmers hold reunion



Russell Boynton, formerly of Victoria Square and now at Nobleton, cut the anniversary cake at York Region Jr. Farmers' 65th anniversary reunion Saturday night. Mr. Boynton was county president in 1925.

**MARKHAM** — Russell Boynton, looking much younger than his 79 years, lit the first candle and cut through a huge cake as the York Region (County) Junior Farmers celebrated their 65th anniversary with a reunion at Markham fairgrounds, Saturday night.

Mr. Boynton, formerly of Victoria Square and now living at Nobleton, held the position of president back in 1925, eleven years after the organization's founding. To him and others before and after, Alan Wall, York Region's Agriculture Representative paid tribute, mentioning specifically, Clarke Young of Unionville as "dedicated and talented people who kept this association going".

"All have been and many still are top flight farmers who have given willingly of their time in other avenues of endeavor also," he said. Three past-presidents, Angus Morton, Eldred King and Gary Herrema are now mayors of area municipalities.

Nineteen of these office-holders were present Saturday. Each was introduced by the master of ceremonies, Barton Johnson.

Some came from a distance including Noreen (Brown)



Al Wall (centre), York Region's Agricultural Representative at Newmarket, looks over the list of Jr. Farmers' past-presidents down through the years with

two former office-holders, Alex Davidson (left), in 1944 and Wally Reesor in 1941. Nineteen past-presidents attended the reunion, many from a distance.

Johnson from Ottawa-Carleton and Don and Carole Hoshel from Perth. Noreen was a County president in 1967. Don held the post in '61.

Farmers' hockey sweater from the era of '31. In noting its like-new condition, Al Wall mentioned the excellence of the mothball storage in the Davidson home. He also praised Stan Watson and sons, Stuart and Trevor, describing Mr. Watson Sr., as "one of

our pioneers". Stuart Watson was a club president in 1950. Dennis Seely, second vice-president of the Markham Fair Board brought greetings from the executive and directors, saying it was a pleasure to provide their facilities for such a

noteworthy occasion. "I hope our close bond and relationship will continue," he said. Members of the anniversary planning committee included - Nancy Broadbelt, Sue Dunn, David Fieldhouse, Carol Jennings, Bart Johnson, Jim Lockie, Phyllis

McMaster, Gary Pegg, Carol Phillips, Lynn Rae and Karen Risebrough. The regional president this year is Carol Phillips. Branch presidents are: Michael Winch (Sharon); Linda Schell (Unionville) and David Schwartz (Vellore).

## Early cottagers remember

**MUSS LAKE** — Lucy and Andrew Baxter used to love to go camping at Cedar Beach back in the early 1930's. They enjoyed it so much, in fact, they decided to make it their home.

Today, the Baxter's have the distinction of being one of the few original lake cottagers, still residing on the site.

The couple can genuinely feel part of Cedar Beach's 50th Anniversary, because they have been in the area almost since its inception.

Moving to Toronto from his native Scotland, Andrew remembers his fun-filled weekend visits to Musselman's Lake. As a young man, he thought nothing of swimming from one side to the other.

Andrew bought his lot on Rosehill Drive, measuring 30' by 100', in 1932 for \$250. Assisted by only one man, he had finished building his home by the following year.

Lucy and Andrew state that even when frequent travel took them away from the area, the fine facilities at Cedar Beach always kept them coming back. They give credit for the "beauty" of the area to owners, Vern and Audrey Davies, and to Vern's father, George, who founded the site.

When the Baxter's first moved into their lake cottage, the street was a family affair. They both had brothers and sisters living right next to them for many years.

"What times we had," says Andrew, recalling the gala barbecues on the side of their property many years back. All the people from the area would come.

Andrew chuckles when he tells of the tongue-in-cheek boxing matches he would stage with his brother-in-law, Johnny Studd. With tissue paper stuffed under his shirt to pad his muscles, Andrew's antics kept everyone thoroughly entertained.

While they realize that those days are long past, with most of their original neighbors having moved, Lucy and Andrew say they have a "lovely relationship" with local residents, today.

Now a spry 77 years-young, Andrew recalls

clearly, joining the Metro Toronto Police Force in 1930. He was a member of the civilian division, and later ran the police motorcycle garage, as well as heading up the force's band.

He took a leave of absence in 1940, and

served in the airforce for five and a half years. Andrew retired in 1970 after a distinguished 40-year career.

Mr. Baxter's two loves are music and athletics. He has led many well-known bands, and watches "all sports."

Lucy is a talented poet. She has written lovely verses about the thing that is most important to her — her family.

They have one daughter, Joyce, and a son, George, who is also an excellent musician,

taking after his father.

Lucy and Andrew Baxter have gathered many fond memories over their years at the Lake, and no doubt, this charming couple will have many more happy times in the area they love so much.

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